Police.

Nadars and Naicks in the Ramnad district.

* 12 Q.—Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the conflict between Nadars and Naicks in the Ramnad district referred to at the beginning of paragraph 21 of the Police Administration Report for 1923 has come to an end ; and

(b) in what ways the Naicks are gaining strength, as stated in the same passage ?

A.—The Government have no information beyond what appears in the report.

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" May I know, Sir, whether any purpose will be served by publishing in the reports the conflict between the Nadars and Naicks ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" Sir, that was the information supplied to us and embodied in the report submitted by the department to Government."

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" What is the public purpose served, that is what I want to know."

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" Excepting the fact that an unhappy quarrel persisted and that it is hoped that it will be soon stopped."

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" Thank you, Sir."

Recruitment of graduates for the posts of Sub-Inspectors of Police.

* 13 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of graduates in the rank of Sub-Inspectors in the Police Department ;

(b) the number of graduates who have severed their connexion with the department owing to want of prospects ; and

(c) whether any steps are being taken to recruit graduates as Sub-Inspectors ?

A.—(a) Fifty-six

(b) Two graduates resigned prematurely in the last three years. The reasons for their resignation are not known.

(c) Graduates who possess the other necessary qualifications for the Police Department will be preferred to non-graduates.

Railways.

Erection of a pumping station on the river Palar by the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Company.

* 14 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that the ryots and pattadars of the villages of Ambalur, Elarpuram, Vadakampattu, Sankarapuram, Echangadu, Devasthanam, Kadayanchi and Vaniyambadi in North Arcot district